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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Senator Richard Russell
Re Responses to Requests from Individual Senators**

1. Today the Director told me of a conversation this morning with Senator Russell on the above subject. The Senator apparently is well aware of the serious problem created by widespread publication of highly sensitive information and raised, without answering, the question of whether and when the Director should resort to "executive privilege" if pressed too hard.

2. The Senator also raised the question of just who had authority to release highly classified intelligence information for publication. The Director pointed out that the Secretary of Defense was already doing this on a substantial scale. Apparently Senator Russell had no ready solution to the problem.

3. Senator Russell agreed that in response to a request from Senator Case, Carl Duckett should brief the Senator on the Soviet MIRV problem.

4. Regarding Senator Fulbright's request for comment and clearance on his draft speech entitled "Prejudice, Intelligence and the ABM," Senator Russell approved of the draft response to Fulbright which the Director showed him (explaining that since this material was Top Secret we could not agree to its publication).

5. The Director said he had also shown this draft response to Mr. Kissinger who had also concurred in it.

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